

## The 2012 Michigan Leadership Collaborative Conference



### A PLACE CALLED HOME: *Understanding the Impact of Fair Housing*



7:30-8:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

8:30-9:45 Opening Plenary Session – *Big Ten A*

- Daniel H. Krichbaum, Welcome & Introductions.
- Opening Speaker: **Kurt Metzger, Data Driven Detroit.**

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00-11:45 Breakout #1 – Understanding the Issues

- **Building Welcoming Communities** – understanding the impact immigrant populations can have on the re-development of struggling communities. **Presenter:** Christine Suave, Welcoming Michigan. *Room 103AB*
- **Not In My Backyard** – understanding how zoning and accessibility impact housing discrimination. **Presenter:** Brian Connolly, Urban Planner and co-author of Group Homes: Strategies for Effective and Defensible Planning and Regulation. *Room 104AB*
- **Building Prosperous Places** – engaging all populations in building, rebuilding and sustaining strong communities. **Presenters:** Mary Beth Graebert, Michigan Land Policy Institute, and Julie Powers, Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council. *Room 106*
- **Fair Housing: It's the Law - an overview of Fair Housing laws and trends**– breaking down the barriers of access, affordability and discrimination. **Presenters:** Yvonne Poindexter, Director Detroit FHEO Center, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Liz Keegan, Director of Education & Outreach, Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, Al Young, Coordinator of Investigations and Testing, Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, and Amy MacDonald, Civil Rights Housing Investigator, Michigan Department of Civil Rights. **Moderator:** Marlene Cain, Manager, Civil Rights Housing Investigations Unit, Michigan Department of Civil Rights. *Heritage Room*
- **MDCR Youth Academy** – a workshop to help students' understanding of fair housing issues. (INVITATION ONLY) **Presenter:** Dr. Barry Checkoway, University of Michigan.

11:45 – 12:00 Break

12:00-12:45 Lunch & Networking. *Big Ten A*

12:45-1:30 Luncheon Keynote Presentation

- **Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.**

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45-2:30 Breakout #2 – **A Place Called Home** – Immigrants and Immigration Rights. **Presenter:** Susan Reed, Supervising Attorney, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. *Auditorium*

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 Closing Plenary Session. *Auditorium*

- Call to Action: **Darlene Sweeney-Newbern, Toledo Regional Director, Ohio Civil Rights Commission.**

The 2012 Michigan Leadership Collaborative Conference is a daylong look into the impact that fair housing issues have on individuals and organizations across the spectrum. This conference will provide a basic introduction to fair housing issues, including immigration, zoning, development, discrimination, and accessibility. Participants will hear from state and national leaders on this important topic.

**OPENING:** Kurt Metzger, one of the state's leading demographers, will discuss the changing nature of Michigan's communities, including the socio-economic and cultural changes that are occurring. Kurt will engage participants in a conversation about the impact of these changes on the work they do. [Big Ten A](#)

**WORKSHOP – Building Welcoming Communities:** Christine Suave will highlight Michigan's efforts to attract and retain immigrants through building immigrant friendly communities and the positive impact immigrant communities can have on re-developing communities. [Room 103AB](#)

**WORKSHOP – Not in My Backyard:** Brian Connolly will examine the legal difficulties in development, including a look at zoning and other local ordinances. [Room 104AB](#)

**WORKSHOP – Building Prosperous Places:** Mary Beth Graebert and Julie Powers, the key authors of a recently published report examining the essential elements in building successful communities, will discuss their findings and highlight their on-going research on this important topic. [Room 106](#)

**WORKSHOP – Fair Housing: It's the Law:** A panel of leading fair housing experts from across Michigan will provide a basic overview of fair housing laws in Michigan, how to recognize discrimination and what options are available in response. [Heritage Room](#)

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION:** General Deputy Assistant Secretary Greene will provide a national perspective on fair housing issues, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's efforts to expand and enforce federal fair housing laws. [Big Ten A](#)

**AFTERNOON PRESENTATION:** Susan Reed, one of the state's foremost immigration attorneys will help participants gain a better understanding of immigration issues, including access to housing and other social services. [Auditorium](#)

**CLOSING PRESENTATION:** She may be from Ohio, but Darlene Sweeney-Newbern is a nationally recognized leader in the call for effective enforcement of fair housing laws. High energy, engaging, and demonstrably action-oriented, Darlene will undoubtedly bring the audience to its feet with her call to action "how-to" conversation on the importance of social justice organizations working together to address critical issues, including fair housing. [Auditorium](#)

